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Remarks

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. A restriction requirement was mailed on 19 September 2007, which Applicants responded to on 10 October 2007 by electing claims 1-10 and 23-24, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits. Non-elected claims 11-22 are cancelled herein. Claim 6 is amended and new claims 25-31 are added. The subject matter of new claims 25-31 is supported by the original specification and claims. No new matter has been added. Please preliminary amend the present application prior to examination.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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